

**WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2006-001**  
**WILLIAM RAYMOND KIOGIMA AND HELEN AGNES KIOGIMA NOOZWIN ACT**

**SECTION I.           PURPOSE**

The right of an individual to choose what they are called by others is a fundamental human right that has been practiced for as long as the Odawak have given themselves names. There have been cultural, spiritual, traditional, and personal reasons for name changes throughout our history and many people have carried four or more names at one time. This Statute is hereby enacted to enable Tribal Citizens the opportunity to have multiple names and change their name.

**SECTION II. DEFINITIONS**

- A.     The “Tribe” shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- B.     “Noozwin” shall mean what a person is called by others.
- C.     “Name” shall mean what a person is called by others.

**SECTION III.       APPLICATION**

A citizen of the Tribe shall have the authority to:

- A.     choose their own name and;
- B.     have more than one name and;
- C.     choose what titles, prefixes or suffixes if any may or may not be added to their name and;
- D.     choose whether or not humans may use a noozwin that is not their legal identity and;
- E.     choose which name shall be used for legal identity.

#### **SECTION IV. CONDITIONS**

The Tribal Executive shall:

- A.** publish legal identity name changes of adults and;
- B.** maintain a database of at least two English names and four Anishnaabemowin noozwinan with appropriate self allowed titles, prefixes and suffixes and;
- C.** keep a history of each Tribal Citizen's legal identity and;
- D.** establish fees that do not exceed \$15.00 for name changes including the fee for a new Tribal Identity card.

#### **SECTION V. REGULATIONS REQUIRED**

The Tribal Executive shall:

- A.** Establish Tribal Codes of Regulation to implement this statute

#### **SECTION VI. EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY**

- A.** The Tribal Executive is hereby mandated to implement this Act and to enforce all approved Tribal Codes of Regulation.

#### **SECTION VII. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

#### **SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which

ever comes first and approval of Tribal Regulations.

### **CERTIFICATION**

As Tribal Council Secretary and Legislative Leader, we certify that this Statute was duly enacted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on January 8, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Dexter McNamara	x			
Rita Shananaquet	x			
Alice Yellowbank	x			
Regina Gasco Bentley	x			
Fred Harrington, Jr.	x			
Mary Roberts	x			
Shirley Oldman	x			
Melvin L. Kiogima	x			
Beatrice Law	x			

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Beatrice Law, Legislative Leader

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1. of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson